

FIRE DRIVER

(Promotional Class)

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS

This class encompasses positions, the major duties of which include driving assigned fire apparatus to and from the scene of a fire or emergency, placement of apparatus, and the operation of pumps and equipment at the scene of the fire or emergency. Employees of this class also perform regular general care and maintenance of apparatus and equipment, assist in fire suppression duties at the fire scene, assist firefighters in the maintenance of station and grounds, and complete records and reports assigned. Fire Drivers perform assigned routine tasks independently, however, some decisions or work assignments are received from a superior. This class reports to and has work reviewed by a Fire Captain. The class ranks directly below that of Fire Captain.

EXAMPLES OF WORK

Examples listed below are illustrative only. They are not intended to include all duties which may be assigned, neither are they intended to exclude other duties which may be logical assignments to this class.

Trains for, performs, and maintains proficiency in fireground operations, formulas, use of tools and equipment, fire behavior, pump operations, driving techniques and safety procedures. Responds to all fire or emergency calls received by the department. Puts on protective clothing, operates entrance doors of fire station and mounts apparatus. Drives or rides in fire apparatus to and from fire or emergency scene, operating warning devices and following all laws and safety regulations. Ensures a timely response to the fire or emergency scene by taking shortest route available, using resources of maps and memory. Evaluates navigational problems such as narrow alleys or structural impasses and determines a means of entrance and egress. Observes fireground in order to detect fire victims, water supplies, fire source, exposures, fire extension and changing conditions. Listens or watches for orders and instructions from officer in charge at fire scene. Communicates with dispatcher, fire vehicles and officers regarding address, fire conditions, life hazards or exposures using a two-way radio. Positions apparatus at the fire scene according to instructions of commanding officer and connects to water supply source. Dismounts apparatus with tools necessary for hydrant connection, pulls hose from bed and deploys hose at the scene. Uses bridge or ramp to protect hose line from vehicle damage. Connects and disconnects hose to intake and discharge valves of pumper. Opens and controls water flow from hydrants.

Performs pumper operations in order to supply water to the hose lines and to ensure adequate pressure to the nozzle. Calculates

required water flow, friction loss, and discharge pressures necessary for fire suppression. Determines lengths of hose needed to reach fire source and number of hose lines that may be added at any time during pump operations. Primes and operates pumper from draft or static water supply. Evaluates smell and color of smoke as well as potential effects of environmental conditions to determine best extinguishing agent. Operates various types of nozzles and applies appropriate fire streams and agents for the most effective fire extinguishment. Operates and controls portable, fixed, or large-caliber water streams and hose lines with educators to inject liquid or foam concentrate into the water stream. Inspects charged hose line to remove kinks, take up slack, check couplings and repair or replace burst hose sections. Advances, directs and assists firefighters in positioning and controlling charged hose lines. Performs standpipe system support operations through siamese connections; connects hose to standpipe station for interior attack or exposure protection. Stabilizes apparatus using truck jacks, outriggers, or wheel chocks. Performs truck operation such as operating boom, ladders, and other aerial devices. Replaces SCBA air bottles for firefighters during fire attack. Delivers and operates portable generator, emergency lighting, rescue equipment and any other tools or equipment needed to aid in firefighting efforts.

Assists with fire attack and suppression operations, or the containment of hazardous materials, when not engaged in operations of pump or other support equipment. Fire scene duties may include forcible entry, search and rescue, ventilation, hose operations, protection of exposures, size-up, salvage and overhaul. Enters smoke filled building using portable air breathing apparatus or air-pak. Locates conditions that may lead to back draft and extinguishes hot spots or hidden fires. Removes water, burned waste and debris from building after fire is extinguished. Maintains limited crowd and traffic control at the emergency scene. Notifies neighbors or occupants to vacate premises, as needed, to ensure safety. Provides basic first aid, CPR and first responder services at the emergency scene.

Performs routine maintenance and minor repairs on fire department apparatus, tools and equipment to ensure proper working order. Cleans apparatus and equipment after each use to inspect for damage, ensuring that all is in working condition and that equipment is restored to apparatus as required. Conducts and records results of required safety tests on fire department alarms, apparatus and equipment. Tests communication equipment by performing daily radio checks. Inspects, tests and cleans self controlled breathing apparatus and Air Pak; fills air cylinders. Conducts periodic tests of apparatus pumping capacity and pressure. Maintains inventory of supplies, tools and equipment on fire apparatus. Records and reports equipment that is missing or in need of repair or replacement. Inspects fire hydrants for defects and performs routine maintenance such as flushing to remove rust or sediment. Tests hose lines and fittings for signs of leaks, wear or damage. Inspects and keeps personal turn-out clothing and

equipment in a state of readiness. Provides for the upkeep of the station house and grounds by cutting grass, cleaning floors, washing windows, and changing linens as needed. Assists with cooking meals for shift.

Provides occasional or informal "on-the-job" training for new employees. Participates in training and/or drills. Observes and repeats procedures demonstrated by training instructor. Reads and studies firefighting training materials; reviews direct routes, locations of streets, water mains and hydrants. Learns and maintains proficiency in the purpose of all alarm signals, structural components of buildings and the recognition of HAZMAT symbols. Participates in pre-fire planning for public and private properties by conducting inspections and by studying hydrant locations, exposures, occupancy types, and areas of high risk.

Personally completes assigned forms, records, reports and entries into daily log. Ensures daily apparatus check list is completed and signed by the Fire Captain on duty. Assists visitors to the department seeking information. Conducts fire station tours and explains fire equipment and firefighting techniques to the public.

Performs any related duties assigned.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Unless otherwise specified, all requirements listed below must be met by the filing deadline for application for admission to the examination.

Must meet all requirements of the Municipal Fire and Police Civil Service Law, including being a citizen of the United States, and of legal age.

After offer of employment, but before beginning work in this class, must pass a physical examination, the selection and administration of which shall be authorized by the Appointing Authority, designed to demonstrate good health and physical fitness sufficient to perform the essential duties of the position, with or without accommodation.

Must possess a valid driver's license.

Must not be less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

Must be a regular and permanent employee in the class of Firefighter for at least one (1) year immediately preceding closing date for application to the board.

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